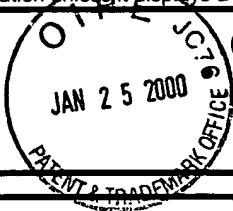


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Attorney Docket No.	AUGA01000012
First Named Inventor	Augustine et al
Examiner	Graham
Group Art Unit	3711
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This is a request for a _____ continuation or _____ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),

(continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application number 08/855,061,filed on May 13, 1997, entitled THERMAL BLANKET**NOTES**

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b); or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. PTO-1449
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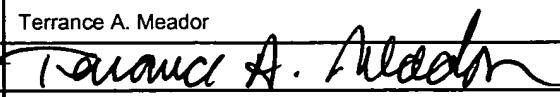
6. Small entity status:
 - a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1895:
 - a. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - b. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - c. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
9. Other: _____

NOTE: *The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA
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11. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Terrance A. Meador
Signature	
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This response is submitted in a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed subsequent to a Final Office Action mailed October 25, 1999. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

20. (Twice Amended) An inflatable [thermal blanket] cover for controlling the temperature of a person, comprising:

a laminate base sheet having two ends and two edges defining a periphery of the [thermal blanket] cover;

the base sheet including an under layer of a fibrous material, and an upper surface; a plurality of apertures opening through the base sheet;